# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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TRAINING COURSE FOR TEA GROWERS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a): whether Tea Board has prepared a scheme to impart a short-term training course for small tea growers;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the steps taken by the Government to include areas like agronomy, nursery techniques and young tea bush management in the training course ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. Training programmes are being regularly conducted by the United Planters Association of Southern India (Krishi Vigyan Kendra), Assam Agriculture University, Tea Research Association, Institute of Himalayan Bio-resource Technology (CSIR) etc. with financial assistance from the Tea Board. The training programmes include the entire gamut of agronomic nursery techniques and management of young tea bushes. The UPASI imparted training to 2343 small growers in South India during the year 1998-99. Similarly, 5300 small tea growers of North Eastern States were imparted training by the Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat.